

age affairs to the best of our ability free gratis, but the members of the church must furnish the means. Now brethren, and sisters too, what are we going to do about it? If these "duns" grate on your sensibilities you know the remedy. SEND ALL FOUR YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE UNDERSIGNED.

JACOB C. CASSEL, Sec. and Treas.

HERE AND THERE.

These continual "duns" in the paper are an annoyance to Quiet Observer. If there is one subscriber who is too poor to pay for his paper, I will volunteer to pay it for him. I will do better than that. I believe to the poor the paper is \$1.00. If you will send your name to the Brethren Publishing Board and state that you cannot raise the money to pay your subscription, *I will pay for the first twenty-five who will thus send in their names.* Now either pay or say you can't.

There are some people who are much more concerned as to *how* they will live in eternity than they are as to *how* they *should* live now.

I wonder why it is that it takes some people so long to find out that the best way to *do* good is to *be* good.

I have heard people pray loudly, "Lord make us instruments in thy hands for good," who never consider what kind of tools the Lord needs with which to do his work.

I have heard much talk about "reaching the masses." *Reaching* them! Why, how does one expect to *reach* a thing? Get *close* enough so you *can* reach it. Brother Editor, if the readers of your paper, who are preachers would like to know how to get at the masses, here is the secret of the whole matter, the solution of the problem. *Go to where the masses are.*

WORKING FOR CHRIST.

During the past few weeks I have been hard at work, and will make a brief report of part of the work.

BOOK AND TRACT WORK.

At Bethany I lifted a collection for this purpose, amount \$5.50, at the Preston Church the collection was \$4.20, this is a new organization and no announcement had been made previous, and all things considered was the best collection taken. I preached at Falls City and Silver Creek, same church at both places, amount of collection \$7.14. Brother Keller is hard at work here, and feels encouraged. We should own our own church building. The brethren should build, by all means. At McLouth the collection amounted to \$3; at Carleton it was \$7.37. These amounts

were given freely and cheerfully; they are not missed by the givers and are felt by the tract fund, and plant seed that may grow into trees to shelter tired humanity. At Carleton I received two additional subscribers to the EVANGELIST, neither of which are members of the church, may a different assertion be made in the future.

THE M'LOUTH CHURCH.

I spent 10 days in the town of McLouth, under unfavorable circumstances; the subject of National and State politics being rather warm. The Methodists knowing of our announcement opened up a tent meeting and had succeeded in getting the people confused on the subject of sanctification. When I find people saying that Christ on one end of a board and they on the other end, the board would evenly balance, that is they are as perfect as Christ, I always keep an eye on that kind of an individual, for he will be guilty of some special deviltry before long. I believe in Gospel sanctification, but not in a thin theory based on an untamed imagination. The members of the McLouth church are not numerous, but they are in earnest, and not withstanding the excitement and numerous attractions, they stood by the church. The Brethren and German Baptist Brethren own and worship in the same house, Brother Stout is the Elder, Brother Kimmel and Brubaker have been doing the preaching; all three having mission points in view. Brother George Woodhead, with whom I made my home has charge of a live Sunday-school in the country. The little church is laying a foundation for the future. They gave me \$5.00 for tent, sent \$8.00 for literature to the Publishing House, and paid the preachers expenses; I believe they have the College money ready. I organized a Sister's Society with seven members, and they will organize a Mission Reading Circle. There are but twenty-six members but they mean business. They entertained our Conference this year and would like to have it again. It is a good place.

THE CARLETON CHURCH.

After four years of labor here, or very near four years, and a call for the coming year, we said good bye. It was hard to do, for friends were numerous and work agreeable, but a call to a new field with wider influences called us away. The good of the church as a whole should be considered. I have tried to so consider it in my work, hence my removal to the new field, I preached my last sermon Sunday morning, Oct. 11. At night we had our church rally; all departments met and through the leaders reported the work for the past year. This is a good plan, it brings all

parts of the church work into closer relations, and all work before the church. It can be made a great help to the church and community, and at the next annual rally the meeting can be made more attractive, and the results greater. Carleton is now without a preacher, some one can find a good home there, for the church owns a parsonage, with but \$250 due on it, this building is the result of the woman's work in co-operation with the pastor. I trust to see my numerous friends here sometime during the year, anything I can do for them will be done.

BROWN COUNTY KANSAS.

Here is the Bethany church, minus a building; and here for over three years I have had a pleasant field of labor. This people are known for their hospitality and success. Not even the terrible cyclone of May last could crush them, they have vital power, and it is developing. The Bethany church came out of the Pony Creek church, out of the Bethany church has come the Preston church, may the growth continue. The church will rebuild, they are under divine obligations to do so, and regular services should be held in Hamlin, and a building there placed; this can all be done, and prosperity result. I am now in the Bethany congregation, will preach at Preston, Little Chapel and Hamlin between this Saturday morning and to-morrow night. I hope to keep an eye on this part of the vineyard until they get a preacher. The man who comes here will find pleasant homes, good workers and faithful friends; I loathe to leave them, and only a larger work draws me away. God bless my congregations and all others.

THE ILLIOKOTA DISTRICT.

I attended the Conference at Enon, near Waterloo, Iowa, this week; the spirit was good, business brisk, object great and attendance large. I traveled about seven hundred miles and spent two nights on the cars to attend this Conference, and did not regret it. Pledges for Missions, two hundred dollars; the time is coming when it will be two thousand. The General Board should have ten thousand dollars this year, it will do home and foreign work, help it. When this is read the workers will be in Chicago, pray for us and come and see us. Our District will hold Conference in Chicago next year; praise God for the faith of the district. Brother Ed Hilderbrand makes a good moderator, one of the very best. Waterloo ought to have a Brethren Church, no reason for not having, no doubt they will have; Brother Gillin is an earnest worker and has an eye to the work. I was pleased at my reception by the district where I am now at home.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.